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Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Ex. Comm.
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Dear Mr. Ritchie:

I am writing you to ask that the period to view
and give comments on the CALFED EIR

I farm 100 acres of flowers in Santa Barbara
County. I think CalFed should do habitat restoration
on existing government owned land before it begins buying
more land. The government already owns $\frac{1}{2}$ the land in
California. Most of the farmers are better stewards
of the land than any public ownership.

There is no way I can take the time to go to the
library and read 8500 pages in the Cal Fed EIR and
still grow my crops. What we need is more surface
storage dams.

Sincerely,
Dick LaRue.

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Dianne Feinstein
Barbara Boxer
Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors
Hanna Beth Jackson
Jack O'Connell